REMARKS

The above Amendments and these Remarks are in reply to the Office Action mailed July 6, 2005. Claims 32, 33, 35-40 and 45-56 were pending in the Application prior to the outstanding Office Action. In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 32, 33, 35-40 and 45-56. The present Response amends claims 32, 36, 39, and 45, leaving for the Examiner's present consideration claims 32, 33, 35-40 and 45-56. Reconsideration of the rejections is requested.

I.   Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 103

Claims 32, 33, 35-40 and 45-56 are rejected under U.S.C. 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Clark et. A. (Hereinafter "Clark") US Patent No. 6, 317, 797 in view of Boothby US Patent No. 5, 684, 990.

Prima facie obviousness rejection requires the Examiner to show that the prior art alone or in combination teaches or suggests all elements of the claimed invention. The present invention is distinguishable from Clark and Boothby in at least the following ways:

1. The present invention teaches synchronization between two personal computers (PCs), while Clark teaches "synchronization of information between the host and the handheld system" (Abstract) and Boothby teaches synchronization among databases, not computers. One skill in the art would recognize that a handheld device at the time of Clark is fundamentally different from a PC in its processing capability, storage capacity, operating system, way of operation, and complexity of software and hardware management. Consequently, synchronization between two PCs requires totally distinctive technologies and methods compared to synchronization between a handheld device and a computer.

2. The present invention teaches automatic synchronization in real time between a PC located at home and a PC located at office, while Clark permits "automatic synchronization of the data is performed in real time" only when "the two are physically connected", i.e., "when the handheld computer is in the cradle and actively connected to the host computer" (Col. 3, line 12-18). In other words, the presentation allows automatic synchronization between two PCs at different physical locations, while Clark requires the handheld to be physically connected to the host at the same location for automatic synchronization.

Since the present invention is distinguishable from Clark and Boothby in at least the types and locations of computers involved during automatic synchronization, Clark in view of Boothby cannot anticipate independent claims 32, 36, 39, and 45. Since claims 33 and 35 depend on claim 32, claims 37 and 38 depend on claim 36, claims 40 depends on claim 39, and claims 46-56 depend on claim 45, Clark in view of Boothby cannot render claims 32, 33, 35-40 and 45-56 obvious for at least this reason, and Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection with respect to these claims be withdrawn.
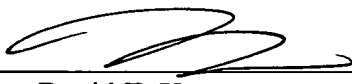
II. Conclusion

In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now pending in the subject patent application should be allowable, and a Notice of Allowance is requested. The Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned if he can assist in any way in expediting issuance of a patent.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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